

Hello everyone,

On 3rd October, my husband and I visited your lovely village and were entranced. All the more so because having been researching my family tree for some time now, discovered that my great great Grandfather and great great Grandmother with their family, lived in the village. On the 1871 census they were in fact keeping the Sun Rising Beer House - as stated in the census. His name was Thomas Marriott and his wife was Isabella. He was also a tailor and owned 3 acres of land. Indeed on the census there was also a strip of land very close to the inn called Marriott's Yard.

We did find the Sun Rising, but alas no longer a public house, but the lady who lives there very kindly allowed me to take a few photographs of the outside. It was very interesting that the house has kept the name and also the plaque of Hunt Edmunds still remains. She also suggested that we should talk to Mr Bates - the village historian - but first we went to see the church - which was open! Very lovely.

We tried to find gravestones of my family but a lot of them were illegible.

Having tracked down Mr Bates he was able to show me a photograph of the Sun Rising dated 1920, and I have requested a copy of it. He also looked at the burial records for the deaths of my family and found that my great great Grandmother was buried in the churchyard on January 27th 1879 presumably in childbirth - (she was just 42 years old) her daughter Ada being listed in the 1881 census aged 2 years born January 1879.

My great great Grandfather Thomas was buried just 5 years later on may 10th 1884 aged 49. It seems the family went their different ways soon after, their eldest daughter Edith married a John Mullis from Banbury and finally went to live near Minehead in Somerset. My great Grandfather Harvey Marriott was apprenticed to become a carpenter and joiner in Leamington Spa, the other children I have not traced yet, but Ada the youngest married Charles Gardner of Warwick and died of parrot fever of all things!

Information that I now have so far is as follows:

### **1871 Residence: The Sun Rising Inn, Claydon, Oxfordshire**

Thomas Marriott	- b. 1835 in Boddington	traced
Isabella	- b. 1836 in Shenley, Bucks	traced
Edith daughter	- b. 1861 in Farnborough	traced
Harvey son	- b. 1862 in Farnborough	traced - my great Grandfather
Herbert son	- b. 1863 in Claydon	
Ernest son	- b. 1865 in Claydon	
Hector son	- b. 1868 in Claydon	

## 1881 Still residing at The Sun Rising Inn

Thomas aged 45 Widow  
Edith daug. aged 20 Inn keeper's daughter  
Ernest son aged 15 Scholar  
Hector son aged 13 Scholar  
Ada daug. aged 2 - traced Isabella having died giving birth to or soon after.

Harvey Marriott ( my great Grandfather) became a carpener and joiner in Leamington Spa . He married Hannah Maria Pignutt on 9th July 1885.

My Grandfather Ernest Marriott - their second child was born in 1889. He married my Grandmother Sarah Hearn from Southam in 1916. My Mother Frances Marriott was born in 1919 and at the age of 88 is still going strong. My mother married Alfred Deller in 1945 and I am their 1st child born in 1947. I married Timothy Pinner and have three children.

We have lived in Leamington Spa and Warwick for a large part of our lives, but 11 years ago decided to live the good life and bought a 40 acre farm in West Wales, where we bred rare breed pigs and sheep.

We have been at our present address for nearly 4 years where we run a Bed and Breakfast. If you would like to view our website the address is [www.cefn-pal.co.uk](http://www.cefn-pal.co.uk)

Having started this family research I have been amazed how I feel about it. All these names are brought back to life for me, my roots, my family, where they lived, what they did. My imagination of their day to day life, their joys and sorrows, has been working overtime and I feel a real affinity with them, the more so for coming to the village where most of their living and dying took place.

Thank you so much for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Kindest regards,

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